



P.M. JOHN KEY VISITS WASHINGTON D.C.



President Obama welcomed Prime Minister John Key to the White House on Friday, July 22. The President and Prime Minister discussed the close friendship and partnership between our two countries, our shared interest in stability, growth and effective regional institutions in the Asia Pacific, and our cooperation in addressing challenges like Afghanistan and Antarctica.

Photo: President Barack Obama, right, and New Zealand's Prime Minister John Key, shake hands following their meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington Friday, July 22, 2011.

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- [**New Zealand Prime Minister John Key, Speaks at Breakfast at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce**](#) Thursday, July 21, 2011 in Washington. [Photo](#)
- [**Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke Meets With New Zealand Prime Minister John Key**](#) at Blair House in Washington, Thursday, July 21, 2011. [Photo](#)
- [**Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta Hosts an Honor Cordon to Welcome Prime Minister John Key to the Pentagon**](#) Thursday, July 21, 2011.
- [**Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner meets with New Zealand Prime Minister John Key**](#) at Blair House in Washington, Thursday, July 21, 2011.

[**Remarks on Principles for Prosperity in the Asia-Pacific**](#) by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Hong Kong, July 25, 2011. See also [**Clinton Urges Asian Nations to Realign Their Economies**](#) IIP Digital.

[**Interests, Values, and New Zealand's Engagement with Asia**](#) *Inaugural Lecture* by Professor Robert Ayson - Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University, Wellington at Victoria University - 19 July 2011.

[**Briefing on the ASEAN Regional Forum**](#) U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt M. Campbell, Bali, July 23 2011.

[**U.S.-ASEAN Regional Forum Cooperation Fact sheet**](#) U.S. Dept of State, July 24, 2011.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Largest Minority Shareholder in Global Order LLC: The Changing Balance of Influence and U.S. Strategy by Bruce Jones. *Brookings*, March 2011. 21p.

The author, Director of the Center on International Cooperation at New York University, explores the nature of the emerging powers' rise and the prospects for cooperation on global finance and transnational threats. [View](#)

The Good Autocrat by Robert Kaplan in *The National Interest*, July/August.

Kaplan believes that a stark contrast exists between the tyrannical leaders of the Middle East and the benign despots of East Asia.

Harvard University's Joseph Nye - American Power on *YouTube* April 4, 2011. [View](#)

The Failed States Index 2011 in *Foreign Policy*, July/August.

Postcards from hell – images of the world's failed states. [The rankings](#)

The Future of the Liberal World Order by G. John Ikenberry on *Islampolicy.com* May/June 2011. 13p.

As wealth and power are moving from the North and the West to the East and the South without a question, will the liberal international order survive? The author, the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, discusses the global political order after the U.S. era and the U.S. role in this new age of international order.

Everything You Think You Know About the Collapse of the Soviet Union is Wrong by Leon Aron in *Foreign Policy*, July/August.

When Mikhail Gorbachev became general secretary of the Communist Party in March 1985, none of his contemporaries anticipated a revolutionary crisis. Although there were disagreements over the size and depth of the Soviet system's problems, no one thought them to be life-threatening. Aron analyses the 20th century's last great revolution.

International Order after the Financial Crisis by Harold James in *International Affairs*, May 2011. 13p.

The author, a professor of History and International Relations at Princeton University, examines analogies and lessons from a world order centered on Britain to a U.S. dominated global order, focusing on the destruction in the Great Depression of a liberal economic and political order and its replacement by a world of brutal Great Power politics and the need for a benevolent hegemonic power to provide public goods for the world economy and the world political system.

Germany as a Geo-Economic Power by Hans Kundnani in *The Washington Quarterly*, Summer 2011.

Kundnani believes that Germany is evolving into a "geo-economic" power - one that eschews military force, but acts when its economic interests are at stake and is less willing to participate in multilateral initiatives.

Strategic Latency and World Order by Zachary S. Davis in *Orbis*, Winter 2011. 16p.

Davis, a visiting professor at the Naval Postgraduate School, examines "strategic latency," a condition in which technologies that could provide military (or economic) advantage remain untapped.

Saints Go Marching In by David Reiff in *The National Interest*, July/August.

Armed intervention is on the rise, says Reiff. And there is an ever-growing belief that eliminating atrocities the world over is the responsibility of the great powers.

"Dirty Bombs": Technical Background, Attack Prevention and Response Issues for Congress. CRS, June 24, 2011. 88p.

"Dirty Bombs": Background in Brief CRS, June 24, 2011.

SOUTH ASIA

India and the United States: A Partnership of Peoples Address, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Robert O. Blake, Jr., in Mumbai, July 21, 2011.

India and the United States: A Vision for the 21st Century Address, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Chennai, July 20, 2011.

Clinton Says India's Leadership is Important for All Asia *IIP Digital*, July 20, 2011.

Special briefing on India Briefing by senior U.S. Dept of State officials, in Chennai, July 20, 2011.

Security Partnership for the 21st Century Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, July 19, 2011.

Opening Session of the U.S.-India Strategic Dialogue Remarks, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in New Delhi, July 19, 2011. **[View](#) / [Joint Statement](#)**

Advancing Our Shared Interests in Asia Fact Sheet *The White House*, July 19, 2011 / **Prosperity** Fact sheet.

U.S.-India Partnership to Advance Clean Energy, Energy Security and Climate Change Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, July 19, 2011.

U.S.-India Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, July 19, 2011.

Education and People-to-People Ties Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, July 19, 2011 (U.S.-India education and exchange ties).

How Cuts Affect U.S.-Pakistan Ties "First take" analysis by Daniel Markey, *CFR*, July 11, 2011.

The Arab Spring - contd.

The Arab Spring Has Given Way to a Long Hot Summer by Richard Haas. *CFR*, July 6, 2011.

Tunisia, Egypt, Bahrain, Yemen, and Libya have had their turn; now Syria occupies centre stage.

Tweeting Towards Freedom on *WilsonQuarterly.com*

Google marketing manager Wael Ghonim sees great power in these tools. "If you want to liberate [a people]," he said, "give them the Internet." A Survey of recent online articles on the subject...

Ahmadinejad vs. The Ayatollah by Abbas Milani in *The National Interest*, July/August.

A stranger-than-fiction dogfight has erupted between the president and the supreme leader in Iran, threatening to move the country further down the road to radical Islam. Milani considers that Ahmadinejad may well become Khamenei's latest sacrificial lamb.

Danger: Falling Tyrants by Goldberg, Jeffrey in the *Atlantic Monthly*, June 2011.

Preserving U.S. access to oil may require the Obama administration to call for more democracy in some countries in the Middle East while propping up monarchs in others. Goldberg considers the trajectories of the Middle East's revolutions are still difficult to discern, and it is not clear yet that tyranny, is, in fact, in permanent eclipse. He also notes that some ruling regimes may need to be propped up to counterbalance the major threat facing the U.S. in the region, Iran. He believes that the U.S. should pay close attention to the Arab revolution having created fracturing along ideological lines within the Muslim Brotherhood.

Assad Regime, Not Protesters, Destabilizing Syria U.S. Says *IIP Digital*, June 17, 2011.

U.S. officials condemned the Syrian government's continued violence against its citizens as "appalling repression," and said the government led by Bashar al-Assad is destabilizing the country with its security forces and is putting Syria on a path to becoming a pariah state.

U.S.-Pakistan Ties: Uneasy and Essential Analysis brief by Deborah Jerome. *CFR*, June 17, 2011.

Heightened tensions between the two countries come as Washington is due to announce new details on a timetable for withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, which starts next month, and continues to want Pakistan's help in killing or capturing the remainder of al-Qaeda that fled to Pakistan; this could well include al-Qaeda's new leader.

Gates says NATO Security Gains in Afghanistan Can Be Sustained *IIP Digital*, June 10, 2011.

In his final meeting with NATO as Defense Secretary Robert Gates says that far too much has been accomplished in Afghanistan by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) over the past two years, at far too great a cost, to let the momentum slip away.

Promoting Peace? Reexamining U.S. Aid to the Palestinian Authority. Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, July 12, 2011. **Transcripts** and scroll to date.

Countering Weapons Proliferation in Libya a Top U.S. Priority *IIP Digital*, July 19, 2011.

Syrian Nuclear Program Statement by Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the UN, on Security Council consultations on the Syrian nuclear program. Statement, July 14, 2011.

Clinton Says Syria's Assad Has Lost Legitimacy *IIP Digital*, July 11, 2011.

Syria: Issues for the 112th Congress and Background on Sanctions *CRS*, June 21, 2011.

Egypt in Transition *CRS*, June 17, 2011.

Iraq: Politics, Governance, and Human Rights by Kenneth Katzman *CRS*, June 10, 2011.

East Asia / Pacific

Hegemony with Chinese Characteristics by Aaron Friedberg in *The National Interest*, July/August.

Beijing's desire to reclaim its centuries-old preeminence in Asia is not only the result of the Middle Kingdom's rising-power status. Friedberg says that it is driven instead by forces that are deeply rooted in the shifting structure of the international system and in the very different domestic political regimes of the two Pacific powers – China and the U.S.

Why Taiwan Matters Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, June 16, 2011. **Transcripts** and scroll to date.

Joint Statement of the Second Indonesia-U.S. Joint Commission Meeting Bali, Indonesia, July 26, 2011.

Compact of Free Association with the Republic of Palau: Assessing the 15-Year Review Statement by U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Frankie Reed to the *U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, June 16, 2011. **Testimony by other witnesses**

China's Narratives Regarding National Security Policy Hearing before the U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission, March 10, 2011. Note: 160p. **See also**

The End of 'Growth with Equity'? Economic Growth and Income Inequality in East Asia by Wang Feng. *EastWest Center*, July 2011.

Mullen Discusses U.S.-China Relations with Beijing Students *IIP Digital*, July 12, 2011 (Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman, U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff).

North Korea: U.S. Relations, Nuclear Diplomacy, and Internal Situation *CRS*, June 17, 2011.

China's North Korea Policy: Assessing Interests and Influences by Bates Gill. *U.S. Institute of Peace*, July 2011. 16p.

Roundtable on “The Dalai Lama: What He Means for Tibetans Today” Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero, July 13, 2011.

Preliminary Observations of the Tsunami’s Impact on U.S. Trade and Transportation with Japan Fact sheet by Sean Jahanmir. *Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Dept of Transportation*, May 2011. 4p.

South Sudan

U.S. Urges Sudan, South Sudan to Fulfill Peace Agreement *IIP Digital*, July 14, 2011. The **statement of Princeton Lyman, U.S. Special Envoy for Sudan** to *U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations*, July 14’11.

Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations at a General Assembly meeting on South Sudan, July 14, 2011.

U.S. Recognizes South Sudan, Pledges Steadfast Partnership *IIP Digital*, July 9, 2011.

Recognition of the Republic of South Sudan Statement by President Obama. White House, July 9, 2011.

Statement Congratulating the Republic of South Sudan on its Independence U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, July 9, 2011.

Independence Day for South Sudan Op-ed by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in *Washington Post*, July 9, 2011.

South Sudan Independence Ceremony - Remarks by Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, at the ceremony, in Juba, South Sudan, July 9, 2011. Remarks by **former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell**, a member of the U.S. delegation to the independence ceremonies.

South Sudan: Lessons Learned at the Negotiating Table Op-ed by Princeton Lyman, U.S. Special Envoy for Sudan, July 8, 2011.

Oil and State Building in South Sudan: New Country, Old Industry by Jill Shankleman. *USIP*, July 2011.20p.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo: Information on the Rate of Sexual Violence in War-Torn Eastern DRC and Adjoining Countries *GAO*, July 2011. 39p.

Terrorism /Corruption

Implementing 9/11 Commission Recommendations: Progress Report 2011 U.S. Dept of Homeland Security, July 2011. 69p. **See also**

Combating Terrorism: U.S. Government Should Improve its Reporting on Terrorist Safe Havens *GAO*, June 2011. 51p.

The Military’s Role in Counterterrorism: Examples and Implications for Liberal Democracies by Geraint Hughes. *Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College*, May 2011. Note: 228p.

Joint Responsibility by William Hughes & Mark Pyman on *World Today*, April 2011. 3p.

Political corruption and organized crime in post-conflict environments and how problems with criminal networks affect security.

Foreign Aid & Reconstruction

U.S. Civilian Response Corps: Third Anniversary Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, July 15, 2011.

Foreign Aid Supports U.S. Economic Growth Clinton Says. *IIP Digital*, July 12, 2011.

How Does the Debt Debate Affect Foreign Aid? Interview with Stewart M. Patrick. *CFR*, July 26, 2011.

USAID Addresses Global Energy Issues through “Launch” Challenges *USAID*, July 22, 2011.

Human Rights

Joint Statement on Combating Intolerance, Discrimination, and Violence Based on Religion or Belief July 15, 2011. See also remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, at the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) High-Level Meeting on Combating Religious Intolerance, in Istanbul, July 15, 2011.

Children and Armed Conflict Remarks by Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, at an open Security Council debate on Children and Armed Conflict, July 12, 2011.

U.S. Official Wants Stronger Action against Human Trafficking IIP Digital, June 14, 2011. **The statement by Luis CdeBaca**, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Dept of State, to a *subcomm. of U.S. House Comm. on Foreign Affairs*, June 13, 2011. **Testimony** / witnesses at the **Hearing**

Democracy Promotion and Human Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy by Oz Hassan & Jason Ralph in *International Journal of Human Rights*, May 2011. 11p.

The relationship between democracy promotion and realism in the neoconservative perspective, and the tension between human rights and counter-terrorism are discussed by Hassan and Ralph who also assess the place of democracy promotion and human rights in U.S. foreign policy and whether it has a role in contemporary policy.

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT

The 2012 Horse Whisperers by Josh Rogin in *Foreign Policy*, July 5, 2011.

Who's giving foreign-policy advice to the crop of GOP front-runners?

How to Turn Republicans and Democrats into Americans by Mickey Edwards in *The Atlantic*, July/August.

An insider's six-step plan to fix Congress.

Lobbyists Are Doing Fine in the Recession by David Boaz, July 25, 2011.

Don't worry about the big lobbying firms.

City of Men by Micah Zenko in *Foreign Policy*, July 14, 2011.

Washington is a city of men, but rarely is this anecdotal impression supplemented with any actual data.

White House Announces Plan to Shut Down Hundreds of Duplicative Data Centers as Part of Campaign to Cut Waste *White House*, July 20, 2011.

Regulatory Chaos: Finding Solutions to Benefit Jobs and the Economy Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce*, July 14, 2011. **Listen/View** also

Constraints on Leadership in Washington by Sarah A. Binder & Thomas E. Mann. *Brookings*, July 2011. **Full Report** 18p.

The Cost Structure of the Postal Service: Facts, Trends, and Policy Implications Office of Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service, July 20, 2011. 32p.

Enforcement of Congressional Rules of Conduct: An Historical Overview *CRS*, June 14, 2011.

Senate Select Committee on Ethics: A Brief History of its Evolution & Jurisdiction *CRS*, June 14, 2011.

Presidential Appointments and Nominations Data from - 111th and 112th Congresses *CRS*, memorandum to Senator Tom Coburn, May 20, 2011. 9p. [statistics and analysis]

The Debt Ceiling and the Pursuit of Happiness by Arthur C. Brooks in the *Wall Street Journal*, July 25, 2011.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

Recycle: Make Old Paper New in *Scientific American* by Kathryn Harmon, May 27, 2011.

It's all about reduce, reuse, recycle.

The Other Global Toxic Cloud: China's Pollution by Edward Tenner in *The Atlantic*, March 18, 2011.

Many people in North America are worried about the drifting fallout from the Japanese nuclear reactor catastrophe, but the health risks are small compared to the mercury and other pollutants China's manufacturing and power generation are pumping into the air, writes Tenner. But the problem is much wider than this...

Will Natural Gas Fuel America in the 21st Century? by David Hughes. *Post Carbon Inst. Report*, May 29'11.

Hughes notes that natural gas is being hailed as a promising "bridge fuel" between high-carbon fuel sources and renewable energy, largely on the basis of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies to tap into previously inaccessible deposits of shale gas. In the face of declining gas production in North America, Hughes warns that strategies for energy sustainability must focus on reducing energy demand and optimizing the use of combustible fuels.

Responding to Natural Disasters - Conference Proceedings, Brookings June 1, 2011. 49p.

Environmental Regulation and Electric System Reliability by the staff of the *Bipartisan Policy Center*, 2011. 56p. **Summary**

Creating Jobs and Increasing U.S. Exports by *Enhancing the Maritime Transportation System*. Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, June 14, 2011.

Environmental Regulation and Electric System Reliability *Bipartisan Policy Center*, 2011. 56p. **Summary**

Partnership in Water Security Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero, April 14, 2011.

Mapping Hotspots of Climate Change and Food Insecurity in the Global Tropics A report by the *CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security*, June 3, 2011. Note: 88p. **News Release**

EPA Regulations: Too Much, Too Little, or on Track? *CRS*, March 21, 2011.

Hybrid Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Report *Washington State Department of Transportation*, 2010.

Biofuels: Challenges to Transportation, Sale, and Use of Intermediate Ethanol Blends *GAO*, June'11. 57p.

Toward Understanding Ecological Impact of Transportation Corridors *USDA Forest Service*, July'11. 47p.

U.S. Enters New Era on Ocean Governance *IIP Digital*, June 23, 2011.

Looking to the Future: Lessons in Prevention, Response, and Restoration from the Gulf Oil Spill Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation*, July 20, 2011.

NUCLEAR SAFETY

Oversight Hearing: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Preliminary Results of the Nuclear Safety Review in the United States following the Emergency at the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant in Japan Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works*, June 16, 2011.

FOOD SECURITY

U.S. Feeding the Hungry Today, Working for a Better Tomorrow *IIP Digital*, July 19, 2011.

International Food Security Assessment, 2011-21 *Economic Research Service, USDA*, July 2011. 64p.

Food Price Volatility and Insecurity by Toni Johnson. *Council on Foreign Relations*, June 24, 2011.

TRADE / ECONOMY

After Doha: Why the Negotiations Are Doomed and What We Should Do About It by Susan Schwab in *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2011.

Rather than try to revive the doomed current round of multilateral trade talks, former U.S. trade representative Schwab suggests that world leaders attempt to salvage a few smaller agreements and study what went wrong in order to do better the next time around.

Financial Regulatory Reform: The International Context Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Financial Services*, June 16, 2011.

Global Maritime Piracy: Fueling Terrorism, Harming Trade Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, June 15, 2011. **Transcripts** and scroll to date.

Currency Wars, Then and Now: How Policymakers Can Avoid the Perils of the 1930s by Liaquat Ahamed in *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2011. 12p.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author examines the global debate surrounding currency valuation, international exchange, and the gold standard in the aftermath of the Great Depression, comparing to and contrasting them with the circumstances of the global recession of 2008-2009.

Why Food Price Volatility Doesn't Matter by Christopher Barrett & Marc Bellemare, *Foreign Affairs*, July 12'11.

In proposing measures to curb erratic swings in food prices, global leaders have conflated high prices with unstable ones. That's a mistake. In fact, the real problem is expensive food, so policies aimed at curbing volatility - such as export bans, price stabilization schemes, and subsidies for farmers - won't help those who need it.

Two Trends in Global Poverty Geoffrey Gertz & Laurence Chandy. *Brookings*, May 2011. 4p.

While the overall prevalence of poverty is in retreat, the global poverty landscape is changing. This transformation is captured by two distinct trends: poor people are increasingly found in middle-income countries and in fragile states. These Brookings experts discuss both trends and the need of new thinking and differentiated approaches for poverty reduction.

ASEAN's Core Norms in the Context of the Global Financial Crisis; Is the Crisis a Catalyst for Institutional Development? by Deepak Nair in *Asian Survey*, March 2011. 23p.

The author, a Ph.D. student in the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, assesses the impact of the economic crisis on plans for economic integration and, on the political side, the impact of the crisis on the goals for an ASEAN Political and Security Community steeped in a new normative agenda of participatory governance.

The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress Hearing before *U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs*, July 14, 2011. The witness is Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, U.S. Federal Reserve.

Bankruptcy: Complex Financial Institutions and International Coordination Pose Challenges GAO, July 2011. Note: 143p.

Gauging the Impact of the Great Recession by Kevin J. Lansing. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, *FRBSF Economic Letter*, July 11, 2011.

Women in Finance Symposium Remarks by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner at a Women in Finance Symposium, July 12, 2011.

Jobs Council to Obama: Here's How to Create One Million Jobs Quickly in *Christian Science Monitor*, June 13, 2011.

What's Up with the Unemployment Rate? by Murat Tasci & Mary Zenker. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, *Economic Trends*, May 9, 2011.

How Other Countries Have Used Tax Reform to Help Their Companies Compete in the Global Market and Create Jobs Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means*, May 24, 2011.

Background and Selected Issues Related to the U.S. International Tax System and Systems That Exempt Foreign Business Income Report, *Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress*, May 20, 2011.

The Credit Rating Controversy by Christopher Alessi and Roya Wolverson. *CFR*, July 14, 2011.

The Case of the Disappearing Large-Employer Manufacturing Plants: Not Much of a Mystery after All by Thomas J. Holmes. *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis*, July 2011. 26p.

U.S. Trade Deficit Hits Highest Level Since 2008 *IIP Digital*, July 13, 2011.

U.S. BUDGET

Address by President Obama to the Nation *The White House*, July 25, 2011. See also - **Obama Urges Congress to Raise Debt Limit, Find 'Paths Forward'**

The Debt Limit: History and Recent Increases *CRS*, July 20, 2011.

Analysis of the Impact on the Deficit of the Budget Control Act of 2011 as Proposed in the Senate: Letter to the Honorable Harry Reid *Congressional Budget Office*, July 27, 2011.

Analysis of the Impact on the Deficit of the Budget Control Act of 2011 as Revised in the House: Letter to the Honorable John Boehner *Congressional Budget Office*, July 27, 2011.

Analysis of the Impact on the Deficit of the Budget Control Act of 2011 as Proposed in the House: Letter to the Honorable John Boehner *Congressional Budget Office*, July 26, 2011.

Debt Limit Analysis *Bipartisan Policy Center*, July 2011. 52p. **News release**

Maximizing America's Prosperity: How Fiscal Rules Can Restrain Federal Overspending Hearing before the *Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress*, July 27, 2011.

What the Federal Debt Limit Has to Do with States (and Not) by Tracy Gordon, *Brookings*, July 22, 2011.

Congress's Debt-Ceiling Maneuvers Analysis brief by Christopher Alessi. *CFR*, July 19, 2011.

The Macroeconomic and Budgetary Effects of an Illustrative Policy for Reducing the Federal Deficit *CBO*, July 14, 2011. 16p.

More Concern about Raising Debt Limit than Government Default *Pew Research Center*, May 24, 2011.

Why the U.S. Needs to Cut the Deficit Interview with C. Fred Bergsten, Director, *Peterson Institute for International Economics*. *CFR*, July 21, 2011.

Considering a Balanced Budget Amendment: Lessons from History by Ernest Istook. *Heritage*, July 14'11.

Can the Senate Budget Plan End the Standoff? "First take" analysis by Sebastian Mallaby. *CFR*, July 20'11.

Readout of the President's Roundtable Discussion on Financial Reform Implementation *White House*, July 18, 2011.

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Public Perceptions on Transportation Characteristics of Livable Communities: The 2009 Omnibus Household Survey Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Dept of Transportation, July 2011. 5p.

LABOR

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The Mismatch between Job Openings and Job Seekers by Maria E. Canon and Mingyu Chen. Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis, *The Regional Economist*, July 2011.

Careers in Green Construction by Drew Liming. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dept of Labor, June'11. 13p.

SOCIETY & CULTURE

2011 National Drug Control Strategy White House, Office of National Drug Control Policy, July 2011.
See Also / **News Release**

This *Strategy* coordinates an unprecedented government-wide public health and safety approach to reduce drug use and its consequences in the United States.

Woman of the World by Jonathan Alter in *Vanity Fair*, June 2011.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, now in her ninth year as America's most admired woman, is "in her element" dealing with foreign upheaval not seen since the fall of the Soviet Union. President Obama chose her as Secretary of state because "she represents the United States better than anyone but him," this lengthy portrait claims. In the two and a half years on the job, she has visited 80 countries. She and President Obama agree that "one-size-fits-all" foreign policy will not work. Staffers note that both Obama and Hillary are methodical, deductive thinkers who drill down into a problem. But in an interview, she acknowledged that most problems are never solved. "You just keep working at them and working at them and working at them," Clinton said.

The 14 Biggest Ideas of the Year in *The Atlantic*, July/August.

A guide to the intellectual trends that, for better or worse, are shaping America right now.

Combating Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief Remarks by Suzan Johnson Cook, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, at Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights panel on "Combating Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief", in Geneva, June 14, 2011.

U.S. Official Wants Stronger Action Against Human Trafficking *IIP Digital*, June 14, 2011. **The statement by Luis CdeBaca** Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Dept of State, to a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, June 13, 2011. **Testimony** of other witnesses at the hearing, and **here** (page 3).

The Endangered Middle Class: Is the American Dream Slipping Out of Reach for American Families? Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, May 12, 2011.

Reconstituting the Submerged State: The Challenges of Social Policy Reform in the Obama Era by Suzanne Mettler. *Perspectives on Politics*, September 2010.

The Violence against Women Act: Building on Seventeen Years of Accomplishments Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, July 13, 2011.

America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2011 Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, July 2011. Note: 223p. **Overview**

Presents key indicators in seven domains: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health. The report incorporates several modifications that reflect the Forum's efforts to improve its quality and comprehensiveness. In addition to updating data sources and substantively expanding several indicators, the report presents a special feature on adoption.

Quality of Life: India vs. China by Amartya Sen in the *New York Review of Books*, May 12, 2011.

Nobel laureate and economist Amartya Sen compares the two Asian economic giants India and China, emphasizing that GNP is not the only measure of successful government.

Living Arrangements of Children: 2009 *Census Bureau*, June 2011. 28p.

Expenditures on Children by Families, 2010 *U.S. Dept of Agriculture*, May 2011. 40p.

Policy Options for Unmanned Aircraft Systems *CBO*, June 2011. 51p. **Summary**

Air Conditioning, Cable TV, and an Xbox: What is Poverty in the United States Today? by Robert Rector and Rachel Sheffield. *Heritage*, July 18, 2011.

Justice and Legal Issues:

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DNA Databanking: Selected Fourth Amendment Issues and Analysis *CRS*, June 6, 2011.

Pretrial Detention, Bail and Due Process by Ken Strutin. *LLRX.com*, July 2, 2011 (annotated guide to U.S. legal information sources on the topic).

EDUCATION

E-Books - E-Reading: The Transition in Higher Education David McCarthy in *Educause Review*, March/April 2011. 5p.

The author, Director of Product Management for Digital Education at Barnes & Noble, examines the growth of e-reading and a digital transformation in higher education, focusing on students' needs and expectations regarding digital content, and the challenges higher education institutions face during the transition to e-reading.

Are We Too Strict? on *EdWeek.org*, April 4, 2011

A new report on disciplinary codes casts doubt on whether more suspensions and expulsions improve academic performance and results in public schools. **View**

Storyboarding with iPads in *EdWeek.org*, April 4, 2011.

Grant-funded iPads are being used to teach 2nd graders about the elements of good storytelling.

School Attendance: Issues to Consider on *greatschools.org*

Successful schools begin by engaging students and making sure they come to school regularly.

Educating Women and Girls *E-Journal USA, IIP Digital*, July 1, 2011.

Education is crucial to a country's economic and social development. Educating women and girls, in particular, yields profound social and economic benefits. Studies demonstrate that educating women and girls leads to lower infant and child mortality rates, lower maternal mortality rates, better educated children and increased participation by women in the workforce.

More educational resources which may be of interest:

Census Bureau Reports Public School Systems Spend \$10,499 Per Pupil 2009 *Census Bureau*, May 25'11.

Incentives and Test-Based Accountability in Education by a committee of the *National Research Council*. *National Academies Press*, 2011. Note: 150p.

The High School Longitudinal Study of 2009: A First Look at Fall 2009 Ninth-Graders *National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Dept of Education*, June 2011. 54p.

Geography 2010: The Nation's Report Card: National Assessment of Educational Progress at Grades 4, 8, and 12 *National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Dept of Education*, July 2011. 62p.

Improving For-Profit Higher Education: A Roundtable Discussion of Policy Solutions Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions*, July 21, 2011.

The Top Ten Teacher Quality Issues NCTQ Somehow Forgot on *TeachingQuality.com*

BUSINESS

Ideas to Kickstart New Firms New Jobs by Steve Clemons in *The Atlantic*, July 19, 2011.

Clemons says he has always thought that it was self-undermining for the U.S. to maintain incentives for low-skilled immigration and significant barriers to high-skilled immigration, saying "Give us your brawn and not your brains." Proposal to Boost the Economy - **Startup Act: Watch/Read/Fact Sheet** *Kauffman Foundation*, July'11.

Meet the Optimists by Ellis Cose on *Newsweek online*, May 15, 2011.

The economic crisis may be depressing for most Americans, but African-Americans remain amazingly upbeat, according to polls. Blacks were more likely than whites to say the economy was sound, according to CBS News. A Washington Post-Kaiser-Harvard poll conducted earlier this year found that 60% of blacks, compared to 36% of whites, believe that the standard of living will be better for their children. Obama's presidency has fueled optimism among many blacks, but even before Obama's election, the new generation of black achievers refused to believe they would be stymied by the bigotry that bedeviled their parents.

A Surprising Jobs Recovery: American Manufacturing is Back by Stephen Gandel in *Time* online, May 16'11.

Despite a lackluster economic rebound, manufacturing in the United States has, for the first time in decades, seen an increase. Nearly one in every six jobs that has been created since the beginning of 2010 has been in manufacturing – and additional 240,000 workers in total. The recovery of U.S. manufacturing is due in part to the weak dollar and increased foreign demand for U.S. construction and agricultural machinery and building supplies.

Manufacturing in the USA: Training America's Workforce Hearing before the *Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress*, July 12, 2011.

The hearing focuses on equipping workers with the skills they will need for new jobs critical to the nation's long-term economic success. Economic activity in the manufacturing sector has increased for 23 consecutive months and manufacturing employment has rebounded from its low, adding almost 250,000 jobs since December 2009.

Are Underemployed Graduates Replacing Nongraduates? by Stephan Whitaker & Mary Zenker. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, *Economic Trends*, July 12, 2011.

SCIENCE / INNOVATION

S&E Degrees: 1966-2008: Detailed Statistical Tables *National Science Foundation*, June 2011. Note: 87p.

Innovation and Job Growth in the Life Sciences Industry Hearing before the *Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress*, May 25, 2011.

National Nanotechnology Investment: Manufacturing, Commercialization and Job Creation Hearing before a subcommittee of *U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation*, July 14, 2011.

SPACE

Statement by President Obama on the launch of the Space Shuttle Atlantis *White House*, July 8, 2011.

NASA Plans New Era for Space Program as Shuttle Era Ends *IIP Digital*, July 13, 2011.

A Review of NASA's Space Launch System Hearing, *U.S. House Comm. on Science, Space and Tech.* July 12'11.

Defining Space Security for the 21st Century Address by U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Frank A. Rose, in Prague, June 13, 2011.

Last Shuttle Mission Begins with Near-Perfect Launch *IIP Digital*, July 8, 2011.

Space Research: Content and Coordination of Space Science and Technology Strategy Need to be More Robust *GAO*, July 2011. 31p.

MEDIA

Jay Rosen's Blog – PressThink: The People Formerly Known as the Audience

The people formerly known as the audience are those who *were* on the receiving end of a media system that ran one way, in a broadcasting pattern, with high entry fees and a few firms competing to speak very loudly while the rest of the population listened in isolation from one another— and who *today* are not in a situation like that at all.

The Exploding Blogosphere by Rachel Smolkin on *AJR*, June/July 2004.

Yes, it's June/July 2004 but we still need to revisit and reconsider how much impact this instant punditry has on mainstream political reporting.

Top 10 Investigative Blogs / Best Technology Blogs

The Incredible Shrinking Rupert by Rem Reider in *American Journalism Review (CJR)*, June/July.

He was seen as the all-powerful, the hard-charging buccaneer who scoops up everything in his path and makes strong men quake. Not so today, apparently.

What the Guardian Can Learn from Watergate Coverage by Craig Silverman in *CJR*, July 22, 2011.

When the stakes are high, and the story goes on, things go wrong. It's almost about making the *right* mistakes.

Why Journalism Helps Foster Global Innovation by Justin Martin in *Columbia Journalism Review*, July 21'11.

Good ideas are not conjured out of thin air; they are built out of a collection of existing parts. The trick is to try to think big thoughts – it's to get more parts on the table – and that's where journalism comes in.

The ARTS / CULTURE

Obama Administration Launches Strong Cities, Strong Communities to Support Local Development *White House*, July 11, 2011.

Snapshot: In Boston History Lives alongside the Present *IIP Digital*, June 27, 2011.

Snapshot: Chicago's "Neighborhood Writers" *IIP Digital*, June 14, 2011.

Snapshot: Houston Residents Thrive on Change *IIP Digital*, June 14, 2011.

Living Legacy: How the Civil War Shapes Contemporary America Presentation by Michael Lind, *The New America Foundation*, at the Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, July 20, 2011.

Arts and the GDP: Value Added by Selected Cultural Industries National Endowment for Arts, July'11. 22p.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2011 Best Practices for Government Libraries: e-Initiatives and e-Efforts: Expanding Our Horizons

Containing 70 articles, it is broken into six sections: Embracing New Avenues of Communication; Adapting to new and Evolving technologies; Altering Our Places and Spaces; Tackling Change Expectations, Resources, and Job Descriptions; Preserving What we have and Preparing for the Futures; Expanding Containing Horizons.

Kindle vs. Nook vs. iPad: Which e-book Reader Should You Buy? by John Falcone, July 12, 2011.

Shopping for an e-book reader? The good news is that you have more choices - at better prices - than ever before. The bad news? There are so many choices. Seven points to ponder before making your decision.

My Monster, My Self: On Nicholas Carr and William Powers by Gary Grenberg in *The Nation*, March 16'11.

Greenberg notes that cell phones and the Internet have made the young fundamentally different than older adults and are redefining the meaning of a good life and what it means to be human. Authors Nicholas Carr and William Powers attempt to tell us who we are becoming now that we swim in an endless stream of digital data. Greenberg posits that if we want to preserve the health of our brains, we will carve out a "peaceful spot where contemplativeness can work its restorative magic."

Foreign Policy of the Internet Op-ed by Karen Kornbluh, U.S. Perm. Repres. to the OECD, & Daniel Weitzner, White House Deputy Chief Technology Officer for Internet Policy, in the *Washington Post*, July 14, 2011.

International Cyber Diplomacy: Promoting Openness, Security and Prosperity in a Networked World Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, July 14, 2011.

The Promises We Keep Online: Internet Freedom in the OSCE Region Hearing before the *Commission on Security & Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission)*, July 15, 2011.

Online Activists Receiving U.S. Technical Support, Training *IIP Digital*, June 16, 2011

Internet Freedom Programs Background briefing by senior U.S. State Department officials, June 15, 2011.

How Companies and Small Business Are Using Social Media and Mobile Platforms to Bolster Business by Naveen Selvadurai, co-founder, Foursquare, Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, in New York, June 16'11.

Social Networking Sites and Our Lives: How People's Trust, Personal Relationships, and Civil and Political Involvement Are Connected to Their Use of Social Networking Sites and Other Technologies *Pew Internet & American Life Project*, June 16, 2011. 85p.

35 Percent of American Adults Own a Smartphone; One Quarter of Smart Phone Owners Use Their Smart Phone for Most of Their Online Browsing *Pew Internet & American Life Project*, July 11, 2011. 24p.

Information Literacy on Campus by Ben Rossi. *Overload Stories*, June 23, 2011.

State Cyberbullying Laws *Cyberbullying Research Center*, June 2011. 12p.

Cyber Infrastructure Protection edited by Dr. Tarek N. Saadawi & Col. Louis H. Jordan, Jr. *SSI*, May 2011.

The authors answer such questions as: What is cyberpower?; how do we deal with emerging threats in cyberspace?; what are the lessons learned?; and where are the current cyberspace vulnerabilities?

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